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U. S. Latin Policy Called Two-Faced

New York, Jan 19 (UPI)—Earl E. T. Smith, former ambassador to Cuba, charged today that the United States uses a "diplomatic double standard" in its relations with Latin America that could lead to a communist takeover in the southern hemisphere.

To thwart communist aims, he suggested formation of a propaganda task force and a new peace corps operation aimed at teaching Latin Americans the ways of the small business man.

In a speech at a communion breakfast today, Smith said that the aim of the Soviet Union and Cuba is "a communist Caribbean" and that Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba "has received Moscow's official blessing to control all of Latin America."

Foe of U. S. Policy

Smith, an outspoken critic of United States policy toward Cuba before Castro's rise to power said the United States must encourage and perpetuate stable government thru out Latin America since "the strength and character of the Latin American governments themselves are our basic defense against communism."

"We cannot do for them what they cannot or will not do for themselves," he said. "We cannot afford to support them financially, and we cannot force them to accept our way of life."

He charged that the United States has been inconsistent in its attitude toward dictatorships. He said that United States economic aid has been withdrawn in several instances from military dictatorships in Latin America but allowed to continue to communist and anti-American countries elsewhere.

Called Serious Error

"To continue in this sort of policy is serious error," he said, "for it is enforcement of a diplomatic double standard. This is indefensible in any age, but

especially so in the present period of cold war when we need all the friends we can get."

He said the United States should recognize that some countries "need a strong personality to guide them. It seems to me that our government sometimes has a tendency to look at things with one eye closed—the right eye," he said.

"Certainly our eventual aim should be the replacement of all forms of dictatorship. But at this moment in history, it is in the best interests of the United States to maintain diplomatic relations with anti-communist governments who are friendly to the United States, even if they are labeled as dictatorships."

On the positive side, Smith suggested an educational attack on communism.

Asks Task Force

He proposed establishment of a "task force to start spreading the story of the way of life of the free world" thru out Latin America. He said there are hundreds of qualified educators and former educators in America who would be interested in being trained to spread democracy as "living examples of the fact that only under liberty can the truth exist."

He said American corporations should train their younger personnel in the methods of establishing and operating small businesses for a year and then send them to Latin America to teach the people how to run "gas stations, garages, laundries, groceries, and the thousand and one little business units that mean prosperity and better living conditions for any nation." After two years the Americans would return home, he said.

"Latin American countries do not need big business," he said. "They already have it. They require the advent and development of many little businesses."